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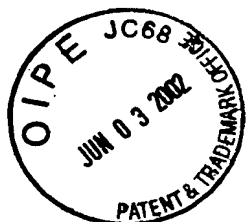
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CONTAINING SOOT, FUSED SILICA  
AND OPTICAL FIBER SOOT PREFORMS,  
APPARATUS, METHODS AND  
BURNERS FOR MANUFACTURING  
SAME.

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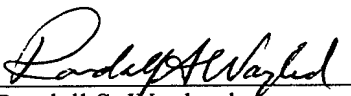
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